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*Gospel Centered*  
CHRIST EXALTING

*The Lord's Day*  
February 22, 2026

**Covenant's Mission Statement**

*"To build a faithful community of joyful disciples."*

**Covenant's Values**

Covenant is **biblical** by affirming the Bible as the authoritative Word of God,  
**connectional** by affiliating with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA),  
**confessional** by adhering to the Westminster Standards,  
**missional** by seeking to spread the Gospel worldwide, and  
**relational** by encouraging the church family to build community.

*“The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.”  
Lamentations 3:22-23*

Prelude

**During the prelude selection, prepare for worship  
by reflecting on Lamentations 3:22-23 printed above.**

Life of the Church

Call to Worship

Psalm 1

*[1] Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; [2] but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night. [3] He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. [4] The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. [5] Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; [6] for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Invocation

Hymn

*“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful Name;  
the Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save; and still He is nigh—His presence we have.  
The great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give Him his right, all glory and pow’r, and wisdom and might,  
all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

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The Sacrament of Baptism

Tirzah Elaine Duhs  
covenant daughter of Seth and Roberta Duhs

Hymn

*“When Morning Gilds the Skies”*

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.

In heav'n's eternal bliss the loveliest strain is this: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
The pow'rs of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Let air and sea and sky, from depth to height, reply: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine: May Jesus Christ be praised.  
Be this th'eternal song, through all the ages on: May Jesus Christ be praised.

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Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Congregational Prayer

Richard Long, Ruling Elder

Offertory and Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Presentation of the Offering

Bob Davis, Deacon

## Corporate Profession of Faith

Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!

## Hymn

*“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now, as in Thy presence humbly I bow.

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Wounded and weary, help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is Thine! Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way! Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit 'till all shall see Christ only, always, living in me!

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## Corporate Confession of Sin

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: we confess that we have sought the approval of others, rather than lived to please You; longing to bring ourselves glory, we have not glorified You. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive our sin. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Individual Prayer of Confession (Silent Prayer)

## Assurance of Pardon

John 3:16

*[16] “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

## Hymn

*“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”*

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

**chorus:** *On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

**chorus**

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

**chorus**

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

**chorus**

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Scripture

Ezra 2:1-2, 64-70

Sermon

*“A Remnant Returns”*

Pastor Reed

Hymn

*“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”*

Glorious things of Thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken formed thee for His own abode:  
on the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply Thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove;  
who can faint, while such a river ever flows their thirst t'assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near:  
thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which He gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am,  
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Thy Name:  
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

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Scriptural Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Outline  
*“A Remnant Returns”*  
Ezra 2:1-2, 64-70

I. The Remnant's Names.

II. The Remnant's Mission.

1. How is God's mercy and faithfulness shown in Ezra 2?
2. How does Ezra 2 emphasize the importance and priority of worship?
3. Read Ephesians 2:11-22. How does this passage about the church apply to Ezra 2?

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